# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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BSNL FACILITY IN WEST BENGAL
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the BSNL facility is available in all the districts of Paschim Medinipore and Purba Medinipore of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when all the districts of these areas are likely to be covered by the BSNL facility;

(d) the total number of SIM cards provided in these areas;

(e) whether the Government is contemplating to enhance WLL facility in urban areas of these districts; and

(f) if so, by when the said facility is likely to commence?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) facility is available in all District Head Quarters, Sub-Divisional Headquarters, Gram Panchayats of Paschim Medinipore and Purba Medinipore area of West Bengal through 182 Telephone Exchanges, 35 Mobile Radio Stations and 18 WLL Radio Stations (Wireless in Local Loop).

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

(d) A total of 35000 SIM Cards has so far been provided in the above areas.

(e) & (f) WLL services have been planned at Egra, Contal, Panskura, Tamluk, Chandrakona Town, Ghatal, Midnapore and Balichak and the services are likely to be available during 2005-06.